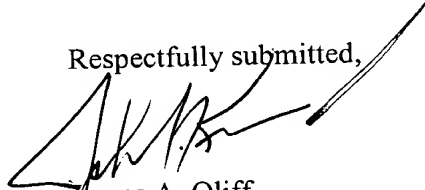


REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this Application. By this Amendment, claims 8-18 are added.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this Application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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